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past when Oology was in the forefront. In our opinion Oology as such and such alone will never be able to stagger to its feet again. As a part of Ornithology in the broad sense it has its legitimate and necessary place, but as a distinct science it has and ever will prove a failure, for the very simple reason that it does not possess within itself the elements of a separate science. L. J.

The Birds of the Rockies. By Leander S. Keyser.

In this large octavo there is a sympathy of the author with his mountain surroundings and of the artist, Louis Agassiz Fuertes, with the conception of the book, that one rarely finds. No three-color-process colored pictures here, but finely executed colored engravings, full-page half-tone and sketchy marginal engravings. A good, clear and clean type makes easy reading of an entertainingly written account of a bird-lover's experiences in the Colorado mountains. If the author possesses any fault of execution it lies in giving himself

too fully to the enamoring influences of the mountain environment. The price of the book, reduced to \$1.50, will make it appeal to every lover of outdoors.

L. J.

Annual Report of the Division of Zoology, p. 159-180, also Reports of the Ornithologist for 1902 and 1903, p. 227-232, and 611-616, by Prof. H. A. Surface, in the Pennsylvania Report of the Department of Agriculture, 1903.

I will quote the following as worthy of special mention: "During the summer the Turkey Vultures (*Cathartes aura*) were unusual in their northern flight. They have been seen as far north as Williamsport, and a few at State College, Center county. * * * During the fall a Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) was seen by us in Center county. * * * I have evidence that the American Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra minor*) nests in the central part of Pennsylvania, in the fact that during the middle of the summer of 1902 a pair of old birds accompanied by four of their young were seen for two days upon the State College campus, in Center county, feeding upon the mites of the cockscomb elm gall. During the winter, which was unusually long and severe, there was a decided immigration of northern birds into our State. Especially remarkable among these were the Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola leucura*), the Crossbills (both species of the genus *Loxia*), the Snowflake (*Passerina nivalis*), and the Pine Siskin (*Spinus pinus*). The severity of the winter resulted in killing most of the Quail (*Colinus virginianus*) of our State, many of the Wild Turkeys and some of the Ruffed Grouse. * * * During the early portion of this spring (1904) there has been an unusual flight of the aquatic birds. In the vicinity of Harrisburg, gunners have shot several species of Wild Ducks, the Holboell's Grebe, several specimens of the Whistling Swan (*Olor columbianus*), and one specimen of the Trumpeter Swan (*Olor buccinator*). We have been fortunate in securing specimens of these